



Weekly Activity Resources



Tax Tip: The Recovery Rebate Credit



A valuable credit for this tax season is the recovery rebate credit (RRC). Some taxpayers mistakenly claim the RRC even though they do not qualify for the credit, and other taxpayers claim the incorrect amount of credit. An incorrect RRC claim may delay your tax refund as much as one week. Below are some tips to help you determine if you are eligible for the RRC.

You may be eligible for the RRC if you did not receive an economic stimulus payment last year. Most taxpayers received an economic stimulus payment between \$300 and \$600 (or between \$600 and \$1200 if married filing jointly) plus \$300 for each qualifying child.

If you do not recall whether you received an economic stimulus payment, you can verify by calling 1-866-234-2942 or by [clicking here](#).

Once you know the amount of your economic stimulus payment, your tax preparer will enter the amount on the RRC Worksheet. Don't worry-the economic stimulus payment is not considered taxable income.

If you are preparing your own tax return and have difficulty with the RRC Worksheet, you can let the IRS calculate the amount for you. Write "RRC" on line 70 of Form 1040 (line 42 of Form 1040A, line 9 of Form 1040EZ).

You may also be eligible for the RRC if your financial situation changed dramatically from 2007 to 2008, if you did not file a 2007 tax return, or if your family gained an additional qualifying child in 2008.

The Yongsan Tax Center is open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; noon-4 p.m. Thursdays and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays. For tax filing assistance and information, call 723-7887 or visit room 113 at the Moyer Community Activities Center.

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Army Emergency Relief Campaign

-Monday, March 09, 2009
by Col. Dave Hall
(USAG-Yongsan Commander)

Wherever I go as a Soldier, I am always amazed at how we are all part of the larger Army family. The Army team: Soldiers, Civilian Employees and our great Family Members, always look out for each other. This is what is at the core of the Army Emergency Relief Program.

I have two goals for this year's campaign here at U.S. Army Garrison-Yongsan. First, we must contact 100 percent of all Soldiers in Area II and provide them an opportunity to contribute. The second goal is to surpass last year's contribution by at least 10 percent. This is a worthy cause and I know we have the community spirit it takes to meet these goals.

The decision to participate is strictly voluntary, however, it is only through the

generosity of Soldiers that the AER campaign can succeed.

A lot of people wonder if they have to contribute to receive an emergency AER loan. The answer is no. If you are eligible for AER assistance and have a valid emergency need, AER will do everything it can to assist you.

As part of the Army Family Covenant, we are committed to building a partnership with Army Families to enhance their strength and resilience. Please, do your part to meet the needs of our Army Families by donating generously to the AER.

For more information about our program, contact Valleri Mason at 723-5461 or Sonja Goodman at 738-4008.

St Patrick's Day



Saint Patrick's Day is around the corner. USAG-Yongsan will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with special offers.

Commiskey's is having a St. Patrick's Day lunch buffet on March 17 from 1100.to 1400, and the cost is \$7.95. The Main post club is also having lunch buffet on 17 Mar from 1100 to1300.



Check out if they have Corned Beef and Cabbage.

The Main Post Club and Commiskey's is also cele-

brating Single Parents' Day. The MPC gives a special 10% off any entree for single parents who bring their child to dinner with them around 5 -9 p.m. on March 20.

Commiskey's invites single parents to enjoy dinner with their children and receive a FREE one(1) Putt-Putt Game on March 21.

For more information, please call

The Main Post Club—723-8785

Commiskey's—736-3971

Reserve Retirement Guide

The Army has created a Retirement Guide just for Army Reserve Soldiers and their families.

The 26-page Army Reserve Non-regular Retirement Information Guide was written specifically to cover the unique circumstances of Reserve retirement.

The Guide is the result of a collaboration between the Army G-1 Retirement Services Division, part of the G-1's Human Resources Policy Directorate, and the Army Reserve Command.

"Publishing this Guide represents a big step forward in helping to ensure that Reserve Soldiers and their families receive

the Army's full support before and after retirement," said John Radke, chief of Army G-1 Retirement Services. "My team now includes an Army Reserve liaison officer, Lt. Col. Robert Hagan, who is spearheading our initiative to support this vital population."

The Guide is in the process of being distributed through the Reserve. In the meantime, it's available online on both the Army G-1 Retirement Services homepage at <http://www.armyg1.army.mil/retire>, under the "What's New" tab and on the special Army Knowledge Online site for Army Retirees at <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/559734>

Teen Forum in USAG-Yongsan

The Zeta Archonette Club, sponsored by the Ladies of Pi Eta Zeta Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, and the Sigma Beta Club, sponsored by the Men of Alpha Omega Sigma Chapter, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated are proud to host their First Annual Community Teen Forum on March 21, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Main Post Club, Underground.

The Teen Forum is a venue where teens aged 14-18 years of age assemble to fellowship and receive education from our community Subject Matter Experts Members who will discuss topics of importance to teens and parents alike as they prepare for successful high school and college experiences.

Members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. will chaper-

one this event for our youth auxiliary groups; we invite members of the teen community, educators, and guest speakers to join us for a fun, entertaining, and informative day. A registration fee of \$2 (payable at time of registration) will include lunch; the first 50 teens to register will also receive an event T-shirt. Door prize drawings will be conducted throughout the day. Participants are encouraged to register early.

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**RED DRAGONS,
STRIKE WITH FIRE**



Soldiers in combat are facing danger every day and there are many untold stories of valor that deserve recognition. The stories on this page capture some of those that have displayed heroic courage through their actions in the face of a lethal enemy.

In addition to the Medal of Honor award is a hierarchy of medals that can be awarded for varying acts of valor and bravery— The Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star with "v" device, the Purple Heart, even Commendation Medals with "v" device. Each is an example of ways Soldiers are recognized by their Chain of Command for documented acts of valor in combat.

<http://www.army.mil/valor/>

White Day, 14 March



14 March is White Day in Korea. Gentlemen, on White Day, you should pay back the women who gave you chocolate and other gifts on Valentine's Day.

White Day was first celebrated in 1978 in Japan. It was started by the National Confectionery Industry Association as an "answer day" to Valentine's Day. Answer day? Here is the another piece of puzzle. In Korea and Japan, only women may give chocolates to men on Valentine's Day.

Soon thereafter, confectionery companies began marketing white chocolate. Now,

men give both white and dark chocolate, as well as other edible and non-edible gifts, such as jewelry or objects of sentimental value to women from whom they received chocolate on Valentine's Day one month earlier.

Ladies, this is a cultural tip. I am an American on Valentine's Day and I am a Korean on White Day. Of course my husband has to buy me something each day.

You don't have any Korean heritage?

**When in Rome,
do as the Romans do**

